India Ltd. (CIL) from Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) for coal supplied, as on 20th February, 1993 were Rs. 304.65 crores. Out of Rs. 171.58 crores were disputed. The disputed accounts were mainly on account of enroute shortages and quality problems.

Following steps are being taken by CIL/Governments to recover these dues:

(i) The Government of India have already decided to adjust all undisputed coal sales outstandings as on 31-5-1990 against the Central Assistance to State plan payable to concerned State Governments.

(ii) Ministry of Coal has advised CIL to start supplying coal to power houses only against the advance payments.

(iii) Recently Ministry of Coal has requested Chairman, MSEB to clear outstanding dues of CIL.

Coal companies are also holding discussions with the Maharashtra State Electricity Board to narrow down the disputes over outstanding dues.

Vacant Post of Director (Marketing) in CIL

2329. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Coal India Ltd. the post of one Director (Marketing) is lying vacant for the last several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to fill the post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir. There is no post of Director (Marketing) sanctioned on the Board of Directors of the Coal India Limited.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Role of CIL in privatisatiin of coal sector

2330. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries have been incurring losses, if so, the total losses incurred so far;

(b) what modalities have been finalised so far for privatisation of coal sector;

(c) what would be the role of CIL and its subsidiaries in the circumstances; and

(d) whether after privatisation, country's requirement would be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) As a holding company, Coal India Limited (CIL) together with its subsidiaries has been incurring losses since inception, execpt for the years 1981-82, 1989-90 and 1991-92. The cumulative losses of CIL as at the end of 1991-92 are Rs. 2353.99 crores.

(b) There is no move to privatise Coal India Limited, which is in public sector. However, a Bill to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 has been introduced in the Parliament to provide for mining of coal by private sector for the purpose of captive consumption for power generation, washery operation and other end uses to be notified.

(c) CIL and its subsidiaries even after amenmdment of the Act would